



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2742)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

**Present:** Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

**Excused:** Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Call to Order. (14-2560)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Burton joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of the June 4, 2014 Minutes. (14-2566)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Approval of the names of applicants selected to receive 2014 SBC Scholarship Awards. (14-2577)

**Staff reported that the scores were received from the three raters and because additional clarification was needed before scoring could be**

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finalized, this item was brought back to the Commission for clarification and selection of awardees.

During discussion, Vice Chairperson Bacio stated that the Commission has enough funds to award three scholarships instead of two. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, the Commission decided to award three scholarships in the amount of \$300 to each awardee.

Continuing the discussion, the Commissioners selected three scholarship awardees. On motion of Commissioner Susan Burton, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby and unanimously carried, the three scholarship awardees were approved.

## **II. REPORTS**

3. Chairperson's Report on various items for June 11, 2014. (14-2567)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Jim McDonnell Cites Fresh Perspective as L.A. County Sheriff (May 28, 2014)**
- **County Jail Deputies Allegedly Staged Fights, FBI Agent Testifies (May 28, 2014)**
- **Outsider Could End 100-Year Tradition by Becoming L.A. County Sheriff (May 29, 2014)**
- **County Settles Jail Visitor's Beating Lawsuit for \$1.2 Million (May 29, 2014)**
- **Settlement in Jail Visitor's Beating Case (May 30, 2014)**
- **L.A. County Sheriff Candidate Todd Rogers Says He's Gone 'By the Book' (May 30, 2014)**
- **Feds Step Up Pressure for Jail Reforms (June 7, 2014)**
- **Jurors Hear of Deputies' Attempt to Coerce FBI Agent (June 6, 2014)**
- **L.A. County Supervisors Vote to Hire 'Child Protection czar' (June 10, 2014)**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

4. Treasurer's Report for June 11, 2014. (14-2570)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance**

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**of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,062.62.**

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for June 11, 2014. (14-2571)

**Staff reported on the draft letters to Supervisor Don Knabe pertaining to the scholarship breakfast and thank you letter to former Commissioner Maxine Russell, for her service on the Commission.**

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on June 11, 2014. (14-2572)

**There was no report presented.**

7. Commissioners' Report on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from June 5, 2014 to June 10, 2014. (14-2575)

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall on June 5, 2014
- Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Court on June 9, 2014
- Men's Central Jail on June 10, 2014

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

- San Gabriel Children's Center (Puente Street - Covina, CA) on June 5, 2014 and reported that the bathroom cabinet needs fixing and the kitchen oven needs cleaning
- Human Services Network (Index Street - Granada Hills, CA) on June 10, 2014

**Vice Chairperson Bacio visited:**

- B & I Group Home (Alvarado Street - Pomona, CA) on June 10, 2014

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

**Commissioners Burton and Grills visited:**

- Community Arts and Sports Foundation on June 9, 2014 and reported the following:

- Bedroom walls are bare and need painting
- Bed post are covered with tennis balls
- Dresser is missing drawers
- Holes in walls
- Electrical plate in bathroom needs replacing
- Boys must ask for permission to enter the kitchen because they are probation youth
- No carbon monoxide detector
- Earthquake kit needs more supplies

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

**Children Are Our Future (Ballinger Street - Northridge, CA) on June 6, 2014 and issued a corrective action form to repair the following:**

- Bedrooms need new mattresses, box springs, blinds and dressers
- Bathroom needs tub cleaned and hole in wall fixed
- Living room needs new couches and holes in the walls fixed
- Hole in the hallway wall
- Oven needs cleaning
- Need a computer and games

The Commission held a discussion on conducting inspections that were not assigned by the Chair, specifically, in an emergency situation where Commissioners are contacted to address a concern. Chair Montaña and Commissioner Burton commented that they were contacted to visit a facility in an emergency situation, although that facility was not assigned to be inspected. After further discussion, Chair Montaña clarified that when the Commissioners are contacted by a facility that they were not assigned to inspect, she is okay with the Commissioners visiting the facilities to address their concerns.

Chair Montaña and Commissioner Andrews voiced concerns on the scheduling of inspections and use of the scheduling tool. Staff added that they are available to address any questions or concerns.

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or place on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the

posting of the agenda. (14-2576)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-2579)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of June 11, 2014. (14-2580)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of June 11, 2014 at 12:50 p.m.**